

Testimony
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Representative Lippert,

I understand that the House Judiciary Committee will be addressing H.618 tomorrow. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend the hearing. I wanted the committee to know that the State's Attorneys generally support H.618 as it would encourage the development of protocols for prosecuting 16 and 17 year-olds and would promote transparency. However, we would respectfully request that the language be amended in the bill to allow the State's Attorneys to develop county protocols rather than requiring a single statewide protocol.

We would request that lines 10 – 13 of the bill be amended as follows:

“The report shall include ~~a~~ written protocols for use by ~~all the~~ Vermont State's Attorneys describing under what circumstances, according to which criteria, and for what types of offenses minors under 18 years of age are...”

Thank you for your consideration.

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